GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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Export of Cotton
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export of cotton to various countries including China during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(b) whether the export of cotton has increased to Pakistan and Bangladesh during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Government to increase the export of cotton to these countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): The export of cotton from India to various countries including China during last three cotton years (Oct.-Sept.) i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15 and the current cotton year 2015-16 (from Oct. to Dec., 2015) is at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The export share of cotton to Pakistan and Bangladesh during the last two cotton years 2013-14 & 2014-15 is as under:-

Sr. No. Country Cotton Year (Figures in lakh bales)
2013-14 2014-15 2015-16(Oct. to Dec.,2015)
1. Pakistan 9.49 (8.11%) 3.79 (6.57%) 16.60 (47.17%)
2. Bangladesh 21.60(18.47%) 22.91(39.69%) 8.60 (24.43%)
3. China 64.82 (55.42%) 16.76 (29.04%) 4.24 (12.05%)
4. Others 21.05 (18.00%) 14.26 (24.71%) 5.75 (16.34%)
Total 116.96 57.72 35.19

China in the recent past years constituted about 60% share of the India's cotton exports. However, due to change in cotton policy by China, India's share of cotton export to China has been declining and Pakistan and Bangladesh have emerged as leading importer of Indian cotton.

(d): The export of Cotton at present is under Open General License. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry being the facilitator for the Import and Export of Cotton vide notification No. 102(RE-2013)/ 2009-14 dated 08.12.2014 has dispensed with the registration requirement for Export of Cotton. Further, the export incentives i.e. drawback of 1% is available for export of raw cotton falling under Tariff item 5201 vide Notification No. 110/2015 - CUSTOMS (N.T.) dated 16.11.2015 issued by Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.